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Lord Lansdowne Vetoed.

Lord Lanspowne's comments on President Wilson's address concern- so bitterly lament. ing war aims and peace possibilities of its readers.

"I have read the President's ad with warm admiration. I am in speech contains passages which completely support the views I have endeavored to express."

This would seem at first giance to be conclusive as to the soundness of interpretation which THE SUN has had the honor to attach to the remarks and attitude of Lord Laxs-DOWNE. It would appear to ordinary intelligence that there could be no better authority on the subject than Lord Lansbowne himself. There is long step forward." certainly no qualification of his expressed admiration for the President's address or of the pleasure be derives from what he regards as evidence of the complete correspondence between the President's ideas and his own. previously uttered.

It is therefore with surprise and with something like pain that we observe that our highly esteemed neighbor the World peremptorily denies to Lord Lanspowne the satisfaction he momentarily experienced upon reading the President's address. He "is mistaken," our neighbor now rules, "in asserting that President Wilson's address to Congress 'contains passages which completely support the views I have been endeavoring to express." The World goes on to explain to Lord LANSDOWNE what he really meant in his letter, as well as what he really did not mean. It shows him with painstaking and putlent kindness that his warm admiration of the Presient's address has no reason for existence and that the notion that he is quite in agreement with Mr. WILSON is nothing but a pleasant delusion

This is unfortunate for Lord Lansnowne, but we do not see what can from the firm though courteous manfinal and that the chances of a remighty slim.

Estending the Truce to Bumania.

That the Rumanian soldiers should are the most warmly clad members be drawn into the truce between the of the company. Bolsheviki and the Germans was inevitable. It was impossible for the showing signs of restiveness be-Entente nations to give them any assistance and they were left isolated exposed to all the rigor of winter by the desertion of the ally that had been instrumental in bringing them into the war. Despite the remonstrance of their King against the armistice and their own expressed wish too soon; but regardless of official to continue their stand against the intervention, the fashion will soon foe upon the small portion of their change. Classic dancing will endure: country remaining open, they were Art will not perish; but some theatricompelled through the utter futility cal manager will search for a great of food and live, at the present modof their resistance to accept the hard novelty, put clothes on his show girls crate prices. Still further, even if a terms forced upon them.

Their present wretched position is fame by restoring to us the long lost the result of one of the sordid trage- mystery of the female form. dies of the war. That they should reject any attempt at fraternization with the enemy shows an understanding of the malign forces against reason to trust.

The whole miserable story came nivance of the Prime Minister STUR- quite plainly nowhere.

sylvania. STURMER not only failed to and weave our ways through a less to adopt the same watchful tactics send this relief, but his own agents advised the enemy of every move of the Rumanian army. The supplies, guns and ammunition that the Allies ent to the Rumanians were diverted from their route or stolen in Russia. As a result the Austro-German forces were prepared for the Rumanian adlittle difficulty in completing the con-

quest of the country. The Bolsheviki would have had a that burning desire to right wrongs and the supreme sense of justice which it professes had it wiped out this shame of Russis. Instead, it has dropped willingly into Berlin's plans Rumania over to her enemies.

Art's Progress in Decortication.

The process of depudation to which the human form has been subjected on the stage and on the acreen in the last generation has been so gradual that it has scarcely attracted notice, and so complete that costume trunks must now occupy a space inconsiderable in comparison with that which their predecessors of the British Blonde era of art took up. A well baispeed musical comedy company should be able to travel now with no more impedimenta than an industrious knitter requires. The saving in excess baggage charges must be considerable and should compensate the producers for the falling off of patronage they

Time was when a censorious police has interest to THE SUN and to many and a benighted magistracy took cognizance of overenthusiastic revelations of the human form more or less dress," says the British statesman, divine on the stage. Now the peace officer and the justice devote their agreement with the policy which he thoughts to other matters. No more has so eloquently described, and I does the detective of fifteen or twenty notice with much pleasure that his years experience confess on the witness stand the shock administered to his delicate sensibilities by a glimpse of Miss Twinkleroe's shapely extremities innocent of drapery; no more does the police judge have to blush at the recounting of the demoralizing spectacle. Yet no manor woman-can put a finger on a day or month or year and say, "Here

The authorities are not to be

process in question to go forward un- all things about them without form process in question to go forward un-checked. The examples set for the and void; they are confused; they killed with four sailors in the attack stage by Art of a more pretentious know only that as there seems to whence not long ago issued the loud- suffer, struggle and press forward. est depunciations of the "vulgarity of tighted figurants. What respectable lawns and drawing rooms have been turned over for exhibitions in which "Spring" pursued "Sorrow" across the field of vision, both in fewer garments than Lypta THOMPson would ever have been allowed to in the Looking Glass Land. display herself in! The cultivation of appreciation for Art has resulted in the establishment of new standards; the difficulties which beset OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN even when Koster & Bial's constituted an adventure on Thirty-fourth street do not gressional Record for Tuesday the exist to-day. Nor is it to be said that President's address is printed in the the stage has corrupted us; the stage, in the matter of undressing, has no

more than kept abreast of others. Woman wears for ordinary occasions now the most sensible skirts, as to length, that it has been her pleasure to don in living man's recollection: in many cases they are no be done about it. It will be inferred longer than the stage dresses of half a score of years ago. But disappearner in which the World rejects Lord ance of fieshings is the characteristic Lanspowne's own interpretation of of stage costumes that now engages his own utterances and sustains the the skill of makeup artists and wardconstruction which it, the World, put robe mistresses; benevolent persons upon his meaning in the first instance, hope it is not drafty behind the that the decision is intended to be scenes. The task of the needle women must be measurably lightened; no hearing for his Lordship are indeed picture like those once popular of a gay chorus girl soberly darning her professional gear would now be ac cepted as authentic. Ballet dancers

> District Attorney SWANN IS now cause of the presence of young women breezes on Broadway with only a belt of jewels and a veil of chiffon to protect them. He has threatened to take some action. He has not moved and attain unprecedented wealth and

Looking Glass Land.

When ALICE deserted Wonderland which they have been fighting. No for the Looking Glass Country she other nation has been more than Ru- found many surprising changes. Right mania a victim of German intrigue was left and left was right. If you and double dealing. And none was wanted to go east you went west and more completely betrayed to the Teu- in order to approach a person you tonic Powers by a friend whom it had went directly away from him. It was not necessary to put yourself in some no direct information. We should one else's place as it had been in the judge that stalwart official to be n out in the trial of the disloyal officers everyday world, and still is rather after the overthrow of the old re- frequently. All you had to do was gime in Russia, in which were dis- to twist the mirror and lo! you occuclosed their treachery and the con- pled the place he had held and he was

MER, a willing German vassal and The Looking Glass Country bas fool, with the Berlin Government, been too little frequented since Lewis roasting in the Hoover household on Rumania was forced into the war Cassoll and Alicz adventured within the day preceding meatless day, at on a forty-eight hour ultimatum from its borders. Though thousands and any rate. Petrograd. She was told to join the maybe millions of children have read Allies or face an invasion by a Rus- with infinite delight of that explorasian army. She was assured of the tion, the conviction which impresses

magical world. Only when something happens

bring us in front of a mirror are we conscious for a moment, not of those few gray hairs showing, but of something else faded and gone, probably the secrets of the looking glass we vance, and they had comparatively turn away from it and go through the old and painful process of putting ourselves in others' places; when, with a shift of the glass, or a step to magnificent opportunity of showing one side, we could so casily cut our figures out of the picture and view those others full length.

With Bunns we sometimes wish that we could see oursilves as others see us. It is generally more useful to and completed the sordid story of be able to see others as they see themintrigue and treachery by handing selves. We see ourselves as others see us when we gaze in the looking glass. We see others as they see bemselves when, like ALICE, we pass through it. What was our right is their left; and to meet them we invariably find we must go the other way. The world as we see it is left behind. Let us step through the mirror that shows us ourselves as others see us and walk boldly into Looking Glass Land.

All about us are people whom we recognize instantly as remarkably like ourselves. Their language seems a little strange and the printed characters have an unside down appearance. but that is to be expected. These are a friendly people, we find, and as they tell us their history we find in them other virtues-courage, gentleness, patience, affection. They are long suffering, too. But what really amases us is their different way of looking at things.

Where we see a definite beginning and an ending or goal they see a continuous and changing panorama. Where we see a mechanism-an auto mobile, an army, a government—they see a play of forces; an electric spark provoking explosions, a host of men without sufficient food or proper leadership, a handful of men who romise much and accomplish little We see instrumentalities, they see powers. We put our faith in order, they know only the grip of chaos. We, happy dwellers in an outer world where so many things are fixed and gave swords to him, and the Dela-Puritanism gave up the struggle, and calculable, are bewildered and even Art, unhampered by clothes, danced a langry because we see only what is going on. But these others, they have cartus's squadron. Lieutenant-Comno means of telling what is going on blamed if they have permitted the except in their own souls; they see dignity could not be without effect. them never to have been any begin-Classic dancing has been received ning, so there seems to them to be no with enthusiasm in those places ending; meanwhile, as always, they

We shall never understand these people by stopping before the mirror which shows us our own pleasing reflections and orderly surroundings. When we have acquired some skill a seeing Russia as the Russians see her we may be able to help mend matters

The Waste of Government Money Among the unreformed, unrepentant and defiant westers in the Traiter States to-day, the Congress continues to hold its familiar place. In the Conginning on page 19 and ending on page 21. The same address is printed in the report of the House proceedings, beginning on page 22 and ending on page 24.

The only difference in the two prints consists of the "[Applause]" by the House reporter.

The repetition of the address we utterly unnecessary, but notwith standing this Congress will undoubt edly read us long lectures on scientific economy and patriotic saving before the session is ended.

The Seven Dellars of the York

Administrator. The Spokesman-Review of Spokane, Wash., performs a valuable and interesting service in attempting to prove that the Hoover \$7 dinner story is a ment. falsehood. It had been alleged that Mr. Hooves, on a visit to Spokane, ate taken into consideration by purchasers \$7 worth of food at a local hotel, and those patriots who took the yarn pledge cards and violently cursed the whole of the food economy plan.

Mr. Hooven as far as the Spokes mon-Review knows, never was in Spokane in his life. Further, says the article, no man could devour \$7 worth person does cat up \$7, he need not disturb the economy balance as long as he confines himself to foods other than wheat, sugar and whatever other essentials happen at the moment to oe on the Hoover list.

Thus another malicious rumor is Cross sales lie and the thousand others born in disloyal minds, it goes

to its long rest. As for the diet of Mr. Hooves, No. good feeder, within certain prudent limits, and we know enough of his sincerity to feel sure that he doesn't haunt the kitchen on meatless Tuesday to pick at the roast of meat from Monday. There would be no wasteful

Long years ago it was the custom to publish the items of THEODORE Roosevery's hearty meals. What the assistance from Russia of 1.000,000 liself on youthful minds that there then President ate and what he said men to defend her frontier against is such a country loses force as we between swallows meant much to the the Bulgars while she invaded Tran- grow older and hypothetically wiser American public. Shall we be forced

1917. THE 2:47 A. M. CAR.

with Hooven? "Mr. Hooven ate half a loaf of corr bread and two large slices of shark | hours, assert with quiet emphasis that meat with apparent relish; also took the two cups of coffee without sugar. 'I feel bully,' he said. 'I am delighted forever. And since we have forgotten to notice that this house has discarded toothpicks in the interest of the

wooden ship programme." Let us cease worrying about Mr. Hooven's appetite; in the meantime, however, assuring our Pacific coast contemporary that however curious pump" has given way this long time the \$7 men! sounds in that locality, it to is an evil possibility in this town.

One and Insenarable.

The word "Victory!" is a good word. You press your teeth firmly against the lower lip and in the very first and accented syllable give articulate expression to a determina-

tion to see the thing through. The noun "victory" employed as an adjective induced the people of Great Britain to lend about \$4,800,-000,000 for winning the war. It has persuaded the 8,000,000 inhabitants of Canada to subscribe over \$415,000,000 for the same object. There were over S71,756 subscribers to the Canadian loan. Proportionally, Canada has done as well as we did with the second Liberty loan, and it may be t little better.

Without victory there will be no other in friendly fashion. liberty; without liberty, victory would turn into defeat.

The destroyer Jacob Jones bore the name of the hero of the Wasp, a man who had studied and practised medicine, been clerk of the Delaware Supreme Court, and then at 31 entered the navy as an ensign in 1799. He was an officer of the Philadelphia when she was captured in 1803 in the harbor of Tripoli, and a prisoner for eighteen months. His victory on 1812, over the brig Frolic, was achieved nths. His victory on October 18, in forty-three minutes, with some the fighting at quarters so close that the Wasp's rammers in leading struck the bows of the British vessel. Commander Jones and his prize were cantured immediately after their engagement by the Poictiers, seventy-four guns, and were taken to Bermuda Congress gave him a vote of thanks and a medal and appropriated \$25,000 the loss of their prize. Several States ware Legislature honored him with a gift of silver plate. In 1818 he commanded the Macedonian in Ds-DAVID WORTH BAGLET, who commanded the Jacob Jones when she was sunk on Thursday, was a brother on Cardenas, Cuba, on May 11, 1898. Thus the tragedy enacted somewhere public notice two noteworths men who served their country faithfully, besides the lamented participants in the present war.

We have in the world too many Gerred Germans.

"Cut a cord of wood!" is the Fuel dministrator's cry in Vermont. "Cut a mess of red tape!" ought to be the slogan in some spots in Washington.

NAMES ON THE THRIFT STAMPS.

Point for Consideration Regarding Possible Costs in Case of Death.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SU: 1 notice on your editorial page this morning stamps to write their names across the face of the stamps, a suggestion which seems to have the approval of the Federal authorities.

May I suggest that this is not in all cases a wise thing to do? Assume that a person of very limited means purchases small amount of these stamps, writes his name across the face of them and and "[Prolonged applause]" inserted dies before a redemption thereof. Even though the person so dwing should leave no other property fustifying or requiring the taking out of letters of administration upon his estate it would clearly be impossible for his widow or children to collect the redemption amount of stamps so marked without the appoint ment of an administrator to sign in the decedent's name either a transfer or a sceipt. The expense of such an appoint ment, including, as it would, a probable premium of \$10 on a surety company bond, might in many cases exceed the principal amount collected, and certainly in many cases this expense would ex reed the accrued interest on the invest-

> This phase of the matter should be of stamps before registering them or writing their names upon them.

It might be well if the Federal authorseriously tore up their conservation tites should make some ruling in advance to cover such cases so that purchasers of stamps will know how to protect themselves against theft and at the same time not subject themselves to the expense above pointed out. NEW YORK, December 8.

DR. HOHENZOLLERN.

Has He the Degree Yet Which the U. of P. Conferred Already !

To the Editor of THE SUN-Sir: oticed in THE SUN a few days ago that the name of Count von Bernstorff had been stricken from the rolls of Franklit and Marshall College, which several years ago had conferred upon him the put out of its misery. Like the Red degree of doctor of laws. This suggests to me to inquire whether or not the University of Pennsylvania has taken sim liar action on the name of Emperor Will lam. According to the 1916 edition the Almanach de Gotha the doctor's detional Food Administrator, we have gree from that institution is still included in the list of the Kalser's titles dignities and honors. DETROIT, Mich., December 8.

The Melmet. My lady herotofore has been Content at Christmas time With simple gifts like motor cars,

And onyx clocks that chim And pearls and Poms and Pekingese, And vases from Japan. And things like that within the reach Of any business man.

She scorns such trifling trinkets now, And indicates to me The present she desires to find. Upon her Christmas tree; So I have put the khak! on And night and day I drill. For lo! she wants the helmet from

The head of Kaiser Bill.

MINNA INVING.

Connoisseurs of urban travel, in se who go home at odd trolley is much to be preferred to the elevated or the subway. Draw them out and they will adduce much to uphold their preference. The subway, to begin with the most disagree able method known of getting from hither thance, is impossible to a man of reflective temper. Its noise preclude quiet meditation; its speed gives no time for contemplation. It has no personality. "Common as the town never sees the same guard, never the same faces. One can never get the car, or if he does there is no

way of knowing it. It is-well, almost russian in its efficiency. The same objections, though in greatly lesser degree, hold true of the levated. There indeed one may meet he same goard nightly, but he is busy jerking levers and jerking cords and

shouting stations. He's not friendly like our conductor. the one who looks like a retired army sergeant, and probably is. He has been on this run with the same motorman-the big fellow with the mittens made of bed ticking, heavily paddedfor years. So has the car. It has personality, if you like. The third window from the front on the left has a blown in the glass which distorts the streets of Brooklyn into futhe same old rip, the one on the right. There are only two seats, lengthwise on which we regulars sit and face each

Old 2047 rocks across Brooklyn Bridge at a furious rate, but at Sands street it is winded, and it limps thereafter tortuously. Incredibly ugly Hor ough Hall; more windings; glimpse of white painted all night lunch rooms where taxicab chauffeurs swap gossip over their near coffee; second class and second hand stores; the brilliantly illuminated show room of a gas com pany; a turn; coal pockets, a whift Gowanus, then a climb up the Park slope. One could almost build a parable upon this part of the ridethrough industry, past penury to brownstone comfort, on to the abode of affluence as typified by a long row of marble mansions overlooking the dark mysterious park. Then downhill and at the end a cemetery.

No helter skelter assemblage are as in the tubes. We are known to one another by sight. We have mysteries. There is, for example, the unmistakable Yankee, white haired, at great pains to keep well worn clothes neat, who sinks his chin in a collar of almost clerical cut while he reads. He looks at each of the morning newslands for dessert. How did a Yankee earn to read modern Greek? why, in Heaven's name?

The riddle of the stocky man who ioins us half way home is transparent. He carries a paper bag redolent of fresh baked rolls and his nails are edged about the cuticle with white. Four proofreaders are among u They are easy to identify, scholarly ooking old chaps. Having read seven or eight hours for their living, they read the same columns all the way

man on his day off taking a nice long at their corners if they are a few They always show up. grinning the thanks they are too much out of breath to voice. They are on

home for recreation. Like the motor

heir way to work. Sunday mornings are our bane Then we are ousted from our favorite seats and have no elbow room for have been ut dances and are returning from their one night a week of fur Why can't we have a Sunday car to ourselves?

CEASE, ANACHRONISTS!

Do Not Couple the Dime With an Old and Dimeless Bowery.

ways correct. I ran with the machines ton of coal out of every three. from the time I was old enough to and

One contributor mentions White's Me- erate.

The theatre opposite Pell street was probably the Windsor. The one opposite the Old Bowery was called the Thalla The "Seven Temptations" was produced at the Old Bowery and I saw it. The first Melodion was destroyed by Isn't It Done, Not Did, and by Twain fire in the early '40s, and on that occa-

sion occurred one of the most terrible fights that ever disgraced the old volunteer department. The combatants were Engine 40 (Old Stag) and Engine 15 (Old Maid). I ran with 41 when a boy and a nice lot of Sunday children they were. The engine house was, and still exists, at the corner of Delancey and Attorney streets. The locality was known as Stagtown. It was no uncommon thing, when the boys returned from a fire or a fight, to have the apparatus run in tongue first and a corporation nadlock put on the door, but they were never kept out of service long TAPPAN, December 7. JOHN HANDY.

ON BUYING CORNMEAL. The Mills of the Grain Gods Grind Everything Small but the Price.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Me Hoover urges every one to eat commeat n place of wheat flour. Every local tlemen who continually appeal to the citizen will of course wish to comply. To-day my wife went to a large retail denial should preface their remarks by grocer and bought five pounds of corn- stating what form of self-dental they meal for which she was charged eight themselves are practising. It would add cents a pound. I can buy wheat flour, to the force of their remarks. a few pounds at a time, for six cents or ess, and of course there are ten who can't afford to pay that difference to ne who can afford it or is indifferent What should be done about it? To rhom am I to make complaint and look for a remedy? LOYAL. NEW YORK, December 8.

The Blunt Arkansas Press. From the De Witt New Era. The pie supper was a fallura.

STRIKE OUT "CRY."

And We Shall Lough and Sing to the Great Victory.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUR-SET have read THE BUN for nearly forty years-I began early. Permit me the privilege of recording my praise of your editorial article "Sing Before You Eat," printed on December 3. To my mind it was one of the best that ever appeared in your wonderful

paper. It came for me, and I am sure many others, at precisely and exactly the right

I have sung it gleefully, exultingly to many pigeon toed, knock kneed, chicken breasted, empty hearted war cowards of

both sexes, and have sent it post haste In fact it is my great hope to knot

It appears to me that when these old distichs do not suit the times they are subject to change like anything else on this mundane sphere.

Now it is proposed that the word "laugh" be substituted for "cry," and we shall sing and laugh this thing through. And for those lucky ones on th

western front in quivering, suffering, glorious, supersuperb La Belle France them never forget that death itself is afraid of the man who laughs. And I have no doubt that the only crying ever to be done in these blessed United States will be for loy when our victorious men return. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 7.

SHOP EARLY!

A Little Christmas Gift of Consideration All of Us Can Make.

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! "D your Christmas shopping early" is the slogan of thousands of fair minded persons who have in mind the interests of those behind the counters. It's a good son of giving, the little gift of consideration is valued by those whose labor is increased and whose hours of labor are lengthened by the increase in shopping. Christmas purchases. Of course there are instances in which persons are prevented from shopping early, but these instances are so few that they need

The spirit of "do your Christmas shop ping early" is one of consideration for those on whom falls the strain of the extra burden. If the extra work is stretched over a period of weeks instead of days it means just so much relief from the strain for them.

CHRISTMAS. NEW YORK, December \$

RUNNING THE FURNACE. A Bay Stater Criticises Albany's Hint to the Householder.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: From Albany comes a series of "don'ts" and pointers on coaxing the furnace issued by Governor Whitman. perpetuating the misinformation going the rounds for years and altogether a variance with one's experience. For its which in these days of scarcity means much more coal than is necessary in moderate weather.

My experience, largely with tenants

of years, makes it certain that a "hatful clear down to the bars is much hotter than a heaped up firepot two thirds ashes. A furnace fire with live the high gigglings of the girls who coal on top only is like a kitchen range that refuses to bake on an "old fire" The Governor makes it worse by en stop on the dropping of live coal. Well, my experience is that two-thirds of fur- ers have repeatedly asked increased of the shaker, allowing live ashes to remain on the bars instead of live coal. Ashes and soot, whether in range or To the Editor of the Sun-Sir; The furnace, cause a waste in this country erating costs. This is all very well ment and heavy taxes for the country letters in THE SUN from old timers are of at least one-quarter of the coal. In to me, with a memory going back some the kitchen range a half inch of sect on ment guarantees interest and diviinteresting, the top and the bottom of the oven will dends, but what are the railways to gives no promise of the very thing

served seven years in the old volunteer key to saving coal, namely, careful ma- pay these swollen wages and yet earn The record of Government department, but Frank can give me his- nipulation of cold air hox necessary in a profit? The more thoughtful minds control in the past, the record of changes of weather from zero to rood- in Great Britain are a good deal puz- erument operations in the allfold he lodion as charging ten cents admission. altogether, taking the always stale cel-Bless his heart, there was no such coin lar air and allowing a quarter of fur- suppose, particularly in view of the only no promise but position in the time of which he writes. Our nace heat to warm the cellar (that trainmen's recent sayings and doings, couragement for the plancirculating medium was old Spanish or would be better forced up into the house that we shall not face the same hopeful expedient is unification under Mexican junk, so worn that some of the by exact amount of cold air). He does situation here. A 40 per cent, wage private control. The roads have show coins looked like a piece of tin. The not mention the office of the water pan raise has been proposed for members what they can do privately in the fact admission was sixpence and a shilling. that when full enables the householder of the railway brotherhoods by their of heavy odds. Remove the obstant Master Marks was a very graceful to be comfortably warm at 68 degrees, leaders. The President has conferred of mistaken laws and they lancer, but no mention is made of the where the steam heated apartment is with these leaders and won their much more. two greatest clog dancers of their time, chilly at 70 degrees or more. Nor does assent to mediation of wage demands, by guaranteeing income; grant Johnny Dimond and Mickey Warren. he mention the fact that a cotton win-it was in the Mclodien that I first dow shade pulled down at night is alaw Dan Emmett, the author of "Dixie." most as valuable as a storm window to mediation, to submit their contention their way instead of having per-The song was sung there before Emmett shut out the cold and shut in the heat.

DORCHESTER, Mass., December S

HE DONE HIS DAMNEDEST. Not Harte?

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SEC. IN may be that I am awaking from a hause of this organization asking for a out by the Allied forces. the dream, but it seems to me that the quotation "He did his damnedest" is wrongly attributed to Bret Plarte. Un- fore enlistment. less my memory is at fault this is one propriately epitaphed by the local post in these lines : He done his damnedest

Angels could do no more. This is more poetic, more emphatically any time he wishes to use them. ungrammatical, and puts man on plane with the angels instead of, after the Scriptural fashion, a little lower.

II. B. Goerschius.

LITTIN PERRY, N. J., December 7. Does the Preacher Practise?

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SITE have to suggest that the vociferous genpublic to exercise economy and self-New York, December S. E. M. D.

A Fair Sight on a Fine Street.

of his sweetheart in broad daylight, both only the character or per-hodoxy at his per had on the country men.

THE PRESIDENT AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF AMERICAN RAILWAYS.

The Alternative Plans of Unification and What They Import.

In the two alternative plans for! The Government would hard be railway unification submitted by the likely to refuse demands which in Interstate Commerce Commission to volved only a question of more money. Congress is much material for study. Congress will doubtless defer extend- ly and properly puts money in the ed consideration of what is to be done second place, or even in the third or until the President has spoken. Mr. fourth place. The Government mak-Wilson has conferred with Henry C. ing war is bent solely and simply Hall of the commission, and has prac- upon getting things done, keeping the fore the national legislature in a special message. As a great deal depends many locomotives and so many curupon prompt action, the President's If a few more millen dellars will keep decision is not likely to be long in locomotives and cars busy the more will always be forthcoming.

He may of course elect to exercise the war powers vested in him by the Constitution, amplified by Congress workers would not strike knowing last summer and capable of still larger well that the Government could an extension by legislation at the present powers if their exertion follows the lines indicated by the Commerce Commission. Their report says:

If the other alternative be adopted and unit during the period of the war, there in our opinion, suitable guarantes to each carrier of an adequate annual return for use of the property as well as for its upkeep and maintenance during operation, with prevision for fair terms on which improvements and betterperiod of his operation could be paid for the work of the railway men's co by the carrier upon return to It of the property after the expiration of that period.

These are recommendations that will put heart in the railway executives and in the much more numerous and worried host of rallway shareequally

holders and creditors.

Moreover, Presidential control might make less difficult the handling of ment control of the roads. wage questions arising in the course perfectly practicable for the President. under the authority vested in him Administration and the Fuel Adminis by the selective service law, to insure the continuous operation of the roads. for transportation facilities. number of persons who wait until the It should be remembered that the thing like chaos results. same law which provides for the other day, when the Puel Administra formation of the National Army places tion sought to get priority for coal in the hands of the President power absolutely needed which men shall be chosen for military service, except for a few stated

All the vast machinery of classification of registered men is in the President's hands. He controls absolutely eramental control as at present exer the selection and rejection of these men on occupational grounds and for the success of absolute control grounds of dependency. It is his to under a plan of Presidential unificasay what men shall be called upon for tion? service and when. He has already empowered the local and district boards other's throats and will not a to call men of particular trades out of autocrat be required to dictate to them their turn, except where considera- with his voice while running the readtions of dependency make this inexpe- with his hands? Who will fill the p dient; and such men may be formed He will need to be a superman into special units for special services for two or three of him, has our eximmediately necessary.

Thus the President controls a supply the Emergency Fleet Corporation of some millions of skilled workers, been of a sort to encourage faith it Suppose trainmen were to strike. I have no thought that they will do so, and committees? but it is evident that if they did, so ages might speedily find themselves struction of commandeered vessels back at work as the result of an which have lagged on the ways be-Executive order directed to the Pro- cause the Emergency Fleet Corporavost Marshal General and slightly ac- tion not only insisted on their cocelerating the working of the selective service machine.

troi of the railways resembles in a general way the procedure of Great railways under Government control Britain, which took over operation of which the majority of the Interestate her rall lines for the war, guarantee- | Commerce Commission suggests, rather ing to investors an adequate return on obviously not thinking particular the properties. The results of this well of it, is an alternative will Government operation have been sat- promises well, during the war, for foining that the shaking process should isfactory except, perhaps, with respect railway investor and executive to the future. For the raffway work- holds out an exceedingly dark future wages and the British Government mend itself hig has granted their demands in every seeking unlimited increases in pay instance, so that the workers' pay has It is an alternative that promise become an enormous item in total op- immense expenditures for the Governwhile the war lasts and the Govern- But far more momentous There is one, Frank Dument, who is al- cause the unnecessary expenditure of one do when the Government's hand is which the Government is bent, of withdrawn, when a profit is no longer cient, swift, sufficing and economic The Governor does not mention the assured, when private operation must operation of our chief public

Frequently the bex is shut up zled for answers to these questions. There is certainly no reason to administration in general holds though the leaders have not pledged men to accept the results of just rates; give them a chance to to arbitration and abide by the results, cally to beg. or even to refrain from striking.

THE BOYS IN PANAMA.

Reading Matter.

have THE SUN of October 29, in which seems to be some migunderstan is printed the letter of Samuel Rosen- what constitutes a reprisal as

all the latest good books at the disposal reprisal for a bombarded ! of any man in the company. So you place. It is carried out muscan see for yourself that Private Rosen- enemy fighting forces and me hause has at hand all the reading mat- pital. These things I know. ter he needs, and I wish you would pub- spent a good deal of time of ish this letter, na 50 per cent of the front. company wants this independent anding No. the Alied represent JAY S. WHILIAMS. corrected. Corporal, Co. K. Fifth United States No one but a German would

Infantry. EMPIRE, Canal Zone, November 25.

Do American Faces Defy Foreign

Artists?

because a Government at war naturalwheels turning. It has plenty of money, but only so many tracks, so locomotives and cars busy the money

The net result of Government opera tion, then, would be that railway workers would not strike, knewing would promptly put some of that session. There are certain considers- back at work and fill the places of tions in favor of the exercise of these the others; but the workers would press their demands for more money uninterruptedly and confidently, knowing equally well that the Government the President operates the railroads as a mands rather than risk a day's tieup of transportation lines.

The chief consideration with the Government, I have said, in getting under Government unification of the railways? Commissioner McCherd of mittees without, it may be, making enough allowance for the obstacle confronting them. One of these obstacles is the set of laws forbidding pooling and enforcing theoretical competition and practical waste. more serious obstacle is that described by Mr. McChord himself, namely, the divided powers of the present Govern

The priority director gives has orders, the Army and Navy depart ments, the Shipping Board, the Foot tration all struggle with each other prescribe the regulations under section of the United States, the l'ord Administration intervened. As a resuit the East is still short of codangerously short in a number instances.

Does this actual working of gave cised over the rallways promise well Will not the various depart ments still be continually at each perience with the Shipping Board and efficiency of governmental boards

Decidedly not, in view of the painful many of them as are of the military and inexcusable handling of the construction at a loss to the builders, bu demanded an expedition which

Again, the plan for Presidential con- volved still greater losses: The possibility of unification of

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of shipping, the record of Govern higher rates, much higher rat

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SEC. 1 TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SEC.

In this company we receive all kinds It is very evident that she of reading matter, among which is your know that in every case of Mark Twain's experiences, and the gentleman who had cashed in was appear as well as Brooklyn papers and Allies intend to make an gentleman who had cashed in was appearance from all over the States which city or town notice is given papers from all over the States which city or town notice is given t cover the continent from coast to coast, to remove the entire civilian and also we get all kinds of magazines. What could be fairer than the which most of the time are not in use. No Boche was ever known and are at the disposal of any man at feir as that. Although nothing

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE: 1 have often noticed that portraits of Americans by foreign artists are never collection of R. W. quite true. There is always a certain when, while out riding To the Epiron of The Sun-Sir; Of air or manner of the artist's country, pastures, he discovered all the pleasant sights one sees on Pifth The features may be drawn to the one win forces in the avenue the most pleasant of all is to behold a brave soldier boy drifting down American, I should say that the a dire the avenue with his arm linked in that to the fact that an artist understands

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